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13 MR. DOLAN: Hello. My name is Michael  
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14 Dolan. I am from Boulder, Colorado, not affiliated  
15 with any groups.

16 I believe the Department of Energy is  
17 deceptively pushing the Yucca Mountain plan. The  
18 government and related industries should seriously  
19 consider researching new technologies. This is a  
20 long-term plan. New technologies are inevitable,  
21 happening all the time.

22 Long-term plans should include  
23 considerations for new technologies as they come along.  
24 The quick fix of burying nuclear waste does not seem  
25 like a good plan to me.

1           An example of the terminology that can be  
2       perceived as deceptive, when the No Action alternative  
3       was put in the EIS, that phrasing, to me, seems to be  
4       bad, deceptive to the public who are not experts. No  
5       Action is not -- cannot happen.

2           [The industry itself has already promised  
7       the nuclear energy industry that they would have this  
8       waste dump, so "no action" is a ridiculous alternative.  
9       No valid alternative action is included, and much of  
10      this seems to be just a quick fix.]

11           A lot of financial considerations -- the  
12      industry itself is heavily pushing for transportation  
13      and geologic disposal I would call it. The Department  
14      of Nuclear Energy -- the Department of Energy and the  
15      nuclear industry are trying to sell this plan to the  
16      public and this has become apparent from my presence  
17      here.

1           [Best interests of people and the world in  
continued 19      general are to explore new technologies and  
20      alternatives to transport and geologic disposal.]

3           [The concerns of the Western Shoshone  
22      people of Yucca Mountain don't seem to be addressed at  
23      all.] And [the considerations, long term, for safety and  
4      24      for the groundwater in the area as well as  
25      transportation just seem to be getting pushed through.

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1                   As contractors have interest in this, as  
2                   the plans are being drawn up, it's pretty much my  
3                   conclusion that the government and industry involved  
4                   wants to push this, and all other reasons being to  
5                   continue to use nuclear energy technology and to have a  
6                   source for weapons and defense is part of this overall  
7                   influence.

8                   And we need to get on to new technologies,  
9                   new forms of alternative energy which are safe, and  
10                  this seems all obvious to me. And the general public  
11                  seems to be being led astray by public relations and  
12                  considerations for money for vested interests rather  
13                  than truly on the behalf of taking care of the problem  
14                  and safety.

15                  Money is a big issue; needs to be  
16                  addressed. This is way behind in dealing with the  
17                  waste, but it's going in the wrong direction. As one  
18                  of the few representatives of the public who are not  
19                  terribly well educated on the subject, seems to me that  
20                  they are really just trying to ram it through. People  
21                  are not really even having an opportunity to understand  
22                  it, or try and stop it, and it will just happen. At  
23                  any rate, thanks a lot.

24                  MR. BROWN: Thank you.  
25                  Skip Hyder? I saw him here earlier. Let